

Submission for DCO Manston Airport

4.22 New Requirement 19c

For Deadline 9

Dear Sirs,

We are disappointed to learn that under your New Requirement 19C there is a possibility that the hours for passenger flights will be shortened, with no flights between the hours of 9am-12pm. We do hope that the full implications of this will be considered by the Inspectors – it kind of fells a fatal blow to the Airport (or any Airport) with these limited hours and would be very unfair to RSP and the majority of people in Thanet who have worked so hard to get Manston Airport open again.

Those morning hours would be essential to business travellers – Thanet would be effectively closed for half a day, each day, to them and tourists. Scheduled night flights have already been taken out of the equation for Manston Airport. What are we trying to do here – should we not be helping RSP who want to invest in education and training of Thanet young people with apprenticeships and thereafter good jobs? Further restrictions cannot surely be the way to do it.

We have to say that not one of the supporters of Manston Airport sees why these passenger flight restrictions have now arisen. We do suspect that those who are against the reopening of Manston Airport are looking for another obstacle in the hope that RSP will just disappear, leaving the land to the land-bankers and Thanet's fate to be buried under thousands of houses (in addition to those already sanctioned by our Government) and, as a result, thousands of more cars jamming the roads in the mornings – and at all times of the day. With respect, Sirs, this is what will cause the feared traffic problems across Thanet and access to and from our villages.

An advantage from having the new Manston Airport DCO is that the old road systems with all their problems will be renewed/improved in time for the opening. RSP and their financial backers will want to ensure that their business model will be a successful and profitable operational NSIP. Manston Airport, nor the people of SE Kent, must not be shackled by an unsubstantiated statement claiming such operations

would cause excessive, unsustainable increases in road traffic in the area, during particular times of the day.

We therefore disagree with the 19c proposed restrictions.

Yours Faithfully

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